

ASTORIA OREGON'S

Scandinavian
MIDSUMMER
Festival
2002



Festival Program

*A Weekend of Scandinavian Folk Dancing, Music
& Delicacies At The Oregon Coast!*

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JUNE 21, 22 & 23

Clatsop County Fairgrounds

92937 Walluski Loop · Astoria



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Miss Scandinavia 2001

Kristin Lee Ann Oja



Miss Finland
Sarah Seeborg



Miss Norway
Katie Lane



Miss Sweden
Elizabeth Arnall



Miss Denmark
Jennifer Lacy

Coronation of Miss Scandinavia 2002

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002 – 7:30 P.M.

Master of Ceremonies *Sharon Leigh*
Presentation of Colors *Each National Anthem will
be sung as Flag and Princess enter.*

Presentation of 2002 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court

Miss Denmark *Jennifer Lacy*
Junior Miss Denmark *Andrea Jeremiah*
Miss Finland *Sarah Seeborg*
Junior Miss Finland *Emmi Collier*
Miss Iceland
Miss Norway *Katie Lane*
Junior Miss Norway *Krista Higgins*
Miss Sweden *Elizabeth Arnall*
Junior Miss Sweden *Meg Dowaliby*
Crown Bearer *Caleb Cunningham*
Senior Court Chaperone *Joanne Hellberg*
Junior Court Chaperone *Bernadeth Ladd*
2001 Miss Scandinavia *Kristin Lee Ann Oja*

Greetings *City of Astoria*
Princess Speeches *"What My National Heritage Means to Me"*
Presentation *Honored Guests*
Dance Selections *Viking-Nordic Folk Dancers of Astoria*
Recognition *Parents of Court*
Dance Selections *Scandia Dancers of Astoria*
Scholarship Presentation *Carole Lyngstad & Loran Mathews*
Farewell Speech *Kristin Lee Ann Oja*
Introduction *Coronation Ceremony Judges*
Crowning *Miss Scandinavia 2002*
Acceptance Speech *Miss Scandinavia 2002*

Thanks to:

***Jewelers of America and Loop-Jacobsen Jewelers
for donating the crown***

TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND HEX BONFIRE

Immediately following a short photo session of the Court, the Scandia Dancers and a parade of musicians will lead the Court in a torchlight procession to the parking lot for the traditional hex burning ceremony and community sing-along.

According to Scandinavian folklore, tossing straw hexes into the flames of the bonfire brings good luck and freedom from evil spirits to those who pitch a straw doll into the fire.

During preparation for the 1980 Festival, the hexes were no where to be found and none were tossed into the bonfire. This maybe the reason why Miss Scandinavia 1980 had a terrible time keeping her crown on. The straw hexes are made each year by the Scandinavian Festival Court and volunteers.

QUEEN'S BALL

FRIDAY

9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Music by
THE PETER UNANDER BAND

Coffee and soft drinks will be
served by the
Viking-Nordic Folk Dance
parents in booth near
the cafeteria.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Astoria Midsummer Scandinavian Festival Association has revived our scholarship fund program of \$500.00

The scholarship is awarded based on citizenship, scholarship, school participation and involvement in the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival activities.

*In 2001 Kristin Lee Ann Oja
was awarded the scholarship.*

Past Queens

- 1968 - Marjorie Yost
- 1969 - Carol Johansen
- 1970 - Sirpa Perkiomaki
- 1971 - Melissa Hill
- 1972 - Rhonda Lammi
- 1973 - Judy Angberg
- 1974 - Marianne Larson, *crowned*
Linda Sjoblom, *reigned*
- 1975 - Karen Niemi
- 1976 - Kim Tinner
- 1977 - Gail Norrman
- 1978 - Tina Hess
- 1979 - Susan Edison
- 1980 - Leila Koskela
- 1981 - Sigrid Ness
- 1982 - Cheryl Cruzan
- 1983 - Julie Lampa
- 1984 - Ann Madsen
- 1985 - Marja Leena Tila
- 1986 - Donna Brunner
- 1987 - Shari Fay
- 1988 - Saara Carlson
- 1989 - Josie Hemeon
- 1990 - Kristen Jacobsen
- 1991 - Melissa Rose
- 1992 - Allea Thomas
- 1993 - Jenny Gustafson
- 1994 - Amy Goin
- 1995 - Kerry Stevenson
- 1996 - Niina Salo
- 1997 - Jaclyn O'Bryant
- 1998 - Caryn Nelson
- 1999 - Amanda Caldwell
- 2000 - Briita Lynn Blair
- 2001 - Kristin Lee Ann Oja

National Anthems

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's
early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the
twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare; the bombs
bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that
our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star Spangled Banner
yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the
home of the brave?



DENMARK

Der er et yndigt land, det staar
med brede bøge,
Nær salten osterstrand, nær
salten osterstrand.
Det Bugter sig i bakke dal, det
hedder gamle Danmark.
Og det er Frejas sal, og det er
Frejas sal.

NORWAY

Ja, vi elsker dette landet,
som det stiger frem,
Furet, verbidt over landet
med de tusen hjem.
Elsker, elsker det og tenker,
på vor far og mor,
Og den saganatt som senker,
drommer på vor jord.
Og den saganatt, som senker,
drommer på vor jord.

FINLAND

Oi Maamme, Suomi, Synnyinmaa!
Soi sana kultainen.
Ei laaksoa, ei kukkulaa, ei vettä
rantaa rakkaampaa
Kuin Kotima taa pohjoinen, maa
kallis isien.

SWEDEN

Du gamla, du fria, du Fjellhoga Nord.
Du tysta, du gladjerika skona!
Jag halsar dig vanaste land uppa jord,
Din sol, din himmel, dina angder grona,
Din sol, din himmel, dina angder grona.

ICELAND

O, Guth vors lands, o lands vors guth!
Ver lofum thitt heilaga, heilaga nafn.
Ur solker fum himnanna hnyta
ther krans
Thinir herskarar timanna safn.
Fyrir ther er einn dagur sem
thusund ar
Og thusund ar dagur ei meir.
Eitt eilifthar smablom meth
titrandi tar
Sem tilbithur guth sinn og deyr.
Islands thusund ar, islands thusand ar:
Eitt eilifthar smablom meth
titrandi tar,
Sem tilbithur guth sinn og deyr.

Special Food & Drink

OLIE'S GROG & GRUB

By The Wet Dog

Friday 6:00 p.m. - Midnight
Saturday Noon - 1:00 a.m.

Beer Garden Entertainment:

FRIDAY

8:00 p.m. - Midnight JT Walker Wagon

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Jorgen

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. "Hey Guys & Gals"

8:00 p.m. - Midnight JT Walker Wagon

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

*Served in the Cafeteria
and sponsored by the
Clatsop Association
of Realtors Scholarship
Fund.*

Hours served:

7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

MENU:

Ham, Scrambled Eggs
and All-You-Can-Eat
Pancakes, Coffee, Tea
& Milk.

COST:

\$4.00 for Adults,
\$2.00 for Children 6-12,
5 and Under Free!

SATURDAY LUNCH

*Served in the Cafeteria
and sponsored by the
Swedish Order of Vasa.*

Hours served:

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MENU:

Swedish Pea Soup, Rye
Bread and a Beverage.

COST: \$4.00

SATURDAY SCANDINAVIAN DINNER

*Served in the Cafeteria
and sponsored by the
Swedish Order of Vasa.*

Hours served

4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MENU:

Swedish Meat Balls,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Rye Bread,
Dessert and a Beverage.

COST: \$8.00 for

Adults,
\$4.00 for Children 6-12,
5 and Under Free!



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Served in the cafeteria and sponsored by the Astoria Rotary Club.

Hours served: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

MENU:

Pannukakku (Finnish Pancake), Danish Ham,
Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea & Milk.

COST: \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children 6-12, 5 and Under Free!



Scandinavian Airlines

2002 Raffle Prizes



Scandinavian Airlines

Tickets: 1 for \$1.00 • 6 for \$5.00 • Book of 15 for \$12.00

Need Not Be Present To Win!

Raffle Drawing - June 23, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

Grand Prize:

2 ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO SCANDINAVIA

(Certain Restrictions Apply)

donated by

Scandinavian Airlines & Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

OR \$500 CASH

from Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association

Other Donations:

Donated By:

\$50.00 Gift Certificate	Hauke's Sentry Market
Basket of Handmade	
Christmas Ornaments	Viking-Nordic Folk Dancers of Astoria
Swedish Crystal Vase	Swedish Order of Vasa
Swedish Gift	Desirée of Sweden of Redmond, WA
1969 Royal Copenhagen	
Christmas Plate	Lower Columbia Danish Society
2002 Annual Plate	Aagesen's Imports of Cannon Beach
iittala double crystal vase	Finn Ware of Astoria
Norwegian Pewter Spoon	Sons of Norway
iittala Crystal Bird	Finnish Brotherhood
Norwegian Sweater	Lindco Trollhjem of Libby, MT
Runestone Robe	Astoria Marine Trading Co. of Astoria
iittala aalto vase	Ladies of Kaleva

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association Donations:

Danish Wrought Iron Candle Holder
Norwegian Crystal Vase
Swedish Candelier
Ekelund Table Runner
iittala Crystal Platter
Candelabra

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT FINN WARE OF ASTORIA
& AT THE FESTIVAL RAFFLE BOOTH**

Thank you to the merchants and lodges for their donations to the raffle.

Special Events

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<i>Booths Open</i>
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	<i>Barnefest</i> – Fun Activities for kids. (Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult)
10:00 a.m.	<i>Optog - Downtown</i>
12:15 p.m.	<i>Flag Raising Ceremony & Midsummer Pole Raising</i>
3:25 p.m.	<i>Parade of Native Costumes</i>
1:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.	<i>Let's Talk Scandinavian!</i>

SATURDAY EVENING

7:30 p.m.	<i>Special Program</i>
Featured Entertainment – BRENT BUSWELL, Accordionist	
• Introduction of Honored Immigrant from each Scandinavian Country •	
Master of Ceremonies	<i>Lloyd Bowler</i>
8:30 p.m. to Midnight	<i>Public Dance</i> <i>Featuring - "Kaare Nielsen Trio"</i>

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<i>Booths Open</i>
11:00 a.m.	<i>Traditional Scandinavian Church Service</i>
4:00 p.m.	<i>Closing Ceremony & Raffle Drawing</i>



You are invited to ScanFair 2002!
Portland's Scandinavian holiday festival and market

Saturday, December 7, 10 am to 5pm and Sunday, December 8, 11 am to 4pm
PSU Smith Memorial Center, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon

Presented by the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation, (503)296-0842
Website: www.scanheritage.org E-mail: shf@mindspring.com

Continuous Entertainment

FRIDAY

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	<i>Coronation of Miss Scandinavia 2002 Torchtlight Parade & Hex Bonfire</i>
9:00 p.m. to Midnight	<i>Queen's Ball featuring "The Peter Unander Band"</i>

SATURDAY

FJORD ARENA (outside arena)

1:00 p.m. *Fjord Horse Exhibition*

HELSINKI PLAZA (outdoor stage)

1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. ... *Nordic Dancers,
Viking Dancers & Scandia Dancers
Astoria, Oregon*

2:00 p.m. *Aitvaras Dance Group
Camas , Washington & Portland, Oregon*

2:30 p.m. *Katrille Finnish Folk
Dancers
Seattle, Washington*

3:00 p.m. *Parade of
Native Costumes*

3:45 p.m. *Nordlys
Hillsboro, Oregon*

4:15 p.m. *Tanhaujat Finnish Folk
Dancers
Seattle, Washington*

5:00 p.m. *Leikkerringen Dancers
Portland, Oregon*

STOCKHOLM HALL (exhibition hall)

2:00 p.m. *Finnish Choral Society
Featuring Maarit Vaga
Seattle, Washington*

3:00 p.m. ... *Livikat N.W. Kantele Players*

3:45 p.m. *Portland Finnish Choir
Portland, Oregon*

VIKING HALL (indoor arena)

1:00 p.m. *Katrille Finnish Folk
Dancers
Seattle, Washington*

1:30 p.m. *Nordlys
Hillsboro, Oregon*

2:00 p.m. *Tanhaujat Finnish Folk
Dancers
Seattle, Washington*

3:00 p.m. *Leikkerringen Dancers
Portland, Oregon*

4:00 p.m. *Aitvaras Dance Group
Camas , Washington & Portland, Oregon*

4:30 p.m. *Nordic Dancers,
Viking Dancers & Scandia Dancers
Astoria, Oregon*

SUNDAY

FJORD ARENA (outside arena)

12:00 p.m. *Fjord Horse Exhibition*

VIKING HALL (indoor arena)

1:00 p.m. *Nordic Dancers,
Viking Dancers & Scandia Dancers
Astoria, Oregon*

2:30 p.m. *Hey Guys & Gals
Aloha, Oregon*

STOCKHOLM HALL (exhibition hall)

11:00 a.m.
to Noon *Traditional Scandinavian
Church Service*

1:30 p.m. *Maarit Vaga
Seattle, Washington*

2:15 p.m. *Spirit Sing
Directed by Alexandra Lee Howard Myers*

2:40 - 3:40 p.m. *Brent Buswell
Accordionist from Ludlow, Vermont*

BEER GARDEN

Ole's Grog
and Grub

VIKING HALL

MA STAG

KCYS Radio

Doris Andrews
Originals

Bobbi Berg

Phun Photos

Bar-A-Pottery

Krumkake
& Tarts

Columbia
Crafts

INFORMATION
RAFFLE
BOOTH

Hoodland
Handcrafts

Sons of Norway

Chris Allen

Messiah Finnish
Lutheran Church

Tami Puckett

Nordiskal

Finlandia

Finnish
Brotherhood

Danish
Society

Norwegian
Rosemaling

Blue Ice
Designs

The Bohrrers

Catholic
Daughters

Ocean
Seafoods

Finn Ware

LET'S TALK
SCANDINAVIAN

SATURDAY ONLY!
VALHALLA HALL

1:00 to 1:55 DANISH
2:00 to 2:55 SWEDISH
3:00 to 3:55 NORWEGIAN
4:00 to 4:55 FINNISH

Icelanders are
welcome anytime!

VALHALLA HALL

Restrooms

STOCKHOLM HALL

• Entertainment & Meals •
• Friday and Saturday Night Dances •

Sand Dollar
Deli

B & M
Concessions

Chowder

Seafood
School

Viking/Nordic
Dancers

Café de la Rue

OUTDOOR S
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Events & Booths
are still being
finalized as of
this printing
and are subject
to change.
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BARNEFEST
SATURDAY ONLY

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult
Face Painting · Storytelling Games · Crafts

Sons of Norway Bellevue	Carol's Beading	Inkeri of Finland	Rockne's Norsk Needle	T & M Enterprises	Lah-Ti-Da	Agneta Amber Jewelry	Hoodland Handcrafts	Tonny's Dolls
Scandinavian Workshop	Swedish Roots	Skandia Hus	Friendship Farm	Viking/Nordic Dancers	Little Tree	Scandia Imports		

KMUN Radio	Handcrafted by Carl	Scott Gielish	Desirée of Sweden	Lindco
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Hearts & Flowers	Almond Delight	Jem - N - I	Rustic Images	Dollcraft by Ellen Marie	Finn Trade
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**NORWEGIAN
FJORD
HORSES**

EXHIBITION:

SATURDAY
1:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
12:00 p.m.

Come see these
magnificent
horses!

**FJORD
ARENA**

← **ENTRANCE**



**Flag Raising &
Midsummer Pole**

**TO THE
TROLL BRIDGE
& PARKING**



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Let's Talk SCANDINAVIAN!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 – VALHALLA HALL

1:00 to 1:55 – DANISH

2:00 to 2:55 – SWEDISH

3:00 to 3:55 – NORWEGIAN

4:00 to 4:55 – FINNISH

Icelanders are welcome anytime!

This is not a language lesson, just an opportunity for anyone, Scandinavian or not, to get together with others and converse in **Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.**

A Scandinavian leader will keep the conversation rolling.

Join us in a Scandinavian sing-a-long!

For a FUN time, drop by for just a few minutes or stay the entire hour.

TERVETULOA! VELKOMMEN! VÄLKOMMEN! VELKOMIN!
(WELCOME!)

Barnefest

Saturday, June 22

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY!

· Face Painting · Storytelling · Games · Crafts · Fun For All!

Messiah Finnish Lutheran Church

Nina Tetri, Pastor

Services in Finnish and English every Sunday at 10am
100-year anniversary celebration, September 7 and 8, 2002

7434 N. Charleston Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97203
Phone: 1-503-286-2712

Entertainment

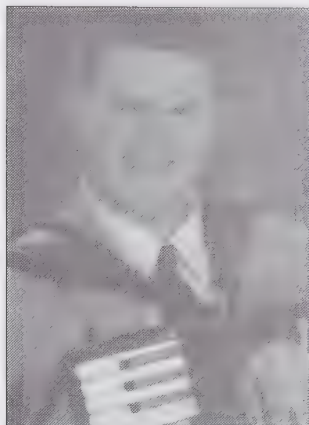
Saturday Night Dance Featuring "Kaare Nielsen Trio"

June 22 - from 8:30 p.m. to Midnight

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Saturday Special Program Featured Entertainment BRENT BUSWELL, Accordionist

June 22 - at 7:30 p.m.



Brent R. Buswell was born in Springfield, Vermont on March 25, 1981. Brent has lived in Ludlow, Vermont his entire life with his parents and two brother's, Nathan and Justin. He graduated from Black River High School in 1999. Brent currently is a third year student at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts.

Brent has played the accordion for eight years, and enjoys playing a wide variety of music, including: classical, jazz, polkas, Scandinavian, marches, big band and folk songs. He especially enjoys playing the music of Pietro Frosini. Brent has been a guest performer with the Jimmy Sturr Orchestra and has performed for many functions

throughout the Northeast including the National Finn Fest (1998) held in Gorham, ME. Swedish Midsummer Festival (Cape Cod, MA), Finn Fest 2001 in Philadelphia and numerous Finn Funn Weekends.

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NORWEGIAN FJORD HORSES



SATURDAY – 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY – 12:00 p.m.

***Come see these
magnificent horses!***

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Fjord Horse

Characteristics:

Tough, hardy, sound, long-lived, and courageous, with a will of its own.

Fjord Horse Uses:

Harness and pack pony, farm work, endurance riding, and competitive driving.



JUNIOR & SENIOR
Miss Sweden

Meg Dowaliby
Elizabeth Arnall



JUNIOR & SENIOR
Miss Denmark

Andrea Jeremiah
Jennifer Lacy



SENIOR COURT
Chaperone

Joanne Hellberg



JUNIOR COURT
Chaperone

Bernadeth Ladd



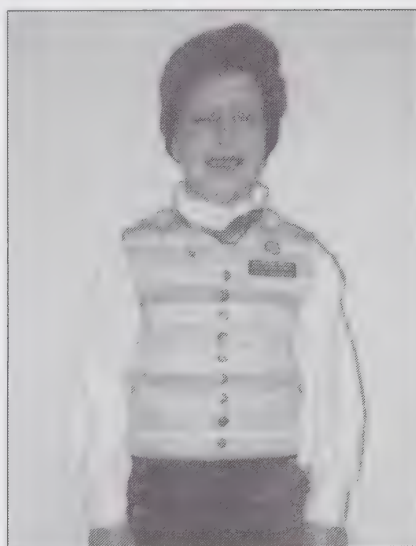
**JUNIOR & SENIOR
Miss Finland**

Emmi Collier
Sarah Seeborg



**JUNIOR & SENIOR
Miss Norway**

Krista Higgins
Katie Lane



Crown Bearer
Caleb Cunningham

A highlight at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is the recognition of an immigrant from each of the five Scandinavian countries. They will be introduced Saturday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. during the Special Program. It has become an annual tradition for the local Scandinavian lodges to honor those that have brought their heritage to our community. It's interesting to hear what prompted them to leave "the old country" and how they have lived their lives here in the United States.

2002 HONORED SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS

Kati Tuominen – FINNISH IMMIGRANT



Kati Tuominen (maiden name Hyvärinen) was born in Viipuri at the end of WWII. She had to leave Karelia being only one week old, because the Russians took Karelia from Finland. She lived in Munkeiniemi, Helsinki, where she graduated from the Helsinki University.

Kati met her husband, Jaakko Tuominen, in the Finnish Lapland. He was known as "Jaska" and as a Finnish double Olympian runner (440 hurdles). It was Jaakko's idea to move to the United States. He was given a track scholarship in the States. Kati was given a graduate scholarship, and both got their Master of Science Degrees from the United States in 1971.

They moved back to Helsinki where they lived for the next 20 years. Kati worked as a Director of Management Consulting for Executive Search and Jaakko as the Manager of Nike Distribution/Finland. They had two sons, Jarkko

& Juha, and a daughter, Kaisa.

In 1991 Jaakko wanted to move the family to the United States - to Portland, Oregon which was close to the Nike headquarters in Beaverton where he later worked. Kati has studied athletic massage so they travelled with Nike athletes to sports events like the Boston Marathon. Kati gave massages to very good runners - one of them won the Boston Marathon three times.

Four years ago, Kati and Jaakko moved to the Oregon coast. They bought the Rose River Inn Bed & Breakfast in Astoria. They found the beauty of Astoria and a new "Finnish family" - the loving and supporting group of Astoria Finns! This support has been enormous especially since Jaakko died late 2001.

Kati likes to thank the Finnish Brotherhood Lodge for this special recognition.

Susanne Benthin – SWEDISH IMMIGRANT

My name is Susanne Benthin and I was born in Vasa, Finland in 1964. I lived in Tojby with my parents Eskil and Jenny Osterdahl. I have two brothers. My younger brother, Stig, lives in Tojby with his wife and son. My older brother, Sture, lives in Stockholm, Sweden with his wife and two daughters. My dad died almost three years ago and my mom still lives in Tojby. She comes to stay with us every winter. My parents had visited here almost every year since I moved to the United States.

As a child, I went to six years of grade school. There were two boys and four girls (including me) in my class. The whole grade school had 30 kids. We played soccer and track in the summer and ice hockey, ice skating and cross country skiing in the winter. When I was ten, a man in his 80's came to our school and taught us how to orient in the woods with an area map and a compass. "Orienteering" became my favorite sport and went to competition every weekend. I also had chores, one of them in particular was to get the cows from the field and herd them home.

We had a little summer cottage out on an island that you could get to only by boat. We had no power or septic, only a fireplace, an outhouse and of course a sauna. I was very proud the day dad let me drive the boat to the cottage all by myself and tried to spend as much time there as possible. Dad and I went fishing all the time too. He put out the nets and I would row the boat. My friends and I would ride our bikes approx. five miles to go swimming in the Baltic Sea during the summer.

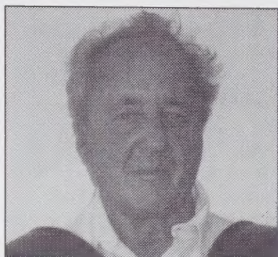
I had to work in our green house when I was twelve. We grew tomatoes and cucumbers. I did not like working there because it was so warm and humid. My dad had a bad fall and couldn't work for three months so my brothers and I had to do the haying all by ourselves.

I went three years of high school and had learned several languages. I spoke Swedish at home. I graduated from High School in 1980. Then it was time for "gymnasiet" which is sort of community college with all the basic classes. I graduated in 1983. As a graduation gift, my parents gave me a trip to the United States to stay with my mom's relatives, Elfi and John Nordgren. I really enjoyed my trip. I returned home to work in a nursing home setting for six months. I wanted to go into nursing and my mom wanted me to go to Astoria for schooling. I believe my mom was trying to give me the chance she never had for a better life. I returned to Astoria and enrolled at Clatsop Community College. At first it was so hard, sitting with the English dictionary all the time but I eventually learned English.

I met my husband, Don in college and he convinced me to stay. We married in 1985. I graduated from the nursing program in 1988. I graduated in 2001 with my BS degree. We have four children, Jessica, Kristina, John and Jeffrey. We have all been back to Finland and Sweden a few times to visit several aunts, uncles, cousins as well as my family who still live over there. My hope is to go and see them all very soon. I love the sunny days, sparkling snow and the tree branches glittering from the ice on the branches. Not at all like winters in Astoria.

2002 HONORED SCANDINAVIAN IMMIGRANTS

Kaare Nielsen NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANT



first floor.

In Norway, Kaare worked with his dad and uncle. His father had what was called a water taxi (a boat). Kaare often took the doctor and veterinarian as they made calls on people living out along the fjord. The water taxi was also used for hauling hug log rafts, not a pleasant job as the boat moved so slowly through the water due to the weight of the logs. As soon as he got his driver's license, Kaare started driving truck, both for his dad and himself. He also drove taxi in Sand. He remembers one job involving hauling meat from Sand to the East Coast of Norway. On a recent trip to Norway, he could not believe how narrow those twisting, winding, steep roads were.

Kaare was serving aboard a sailing ship out of Bergen that was a merchant marine training ship when the Germans declared war on England. The ship was immediately called back to Norway, and during the course of the occupation, Kaare assisted his Uncle Nick in smuggling guns in his boat to members of the underground. He was conscripted by the Germans to work in a couple of their work camps during the war.

The day it was announced that the Germans had surrendered, the Nielsen family was the first family to appear on the streets of Sand with their own car. When they had heard the Germans were coming to Sand at the beginning of the occupation, Kaare and his father removed the wheels from the car and buried them beneath the sawdust at Uncle Nick's mill. The Germans were told that the wheels had been loaned to somebody else and had not been returned.

The decision to come to the United States was getting closer after the Socialist government took hold in Norway. They felt that there were not many opportunities to succeed in business any more. Kaare and a childhood friend first went to Canada in 1952, staying there only about a year. While in Canada, Kaare visited his sister Jenny in Aloha, and made the decision to immigrate to the United States. He returned to Norway where he waited for almost a year before getting permission to enter the United States. He entered the country in January of 1954. An aunt in New York was his sponsor and wanted him to stay in the big city, but he wanted no part of that and came west to Oregon.

Kaare stayed with his sister and brother-in-law, Jenny and Fritz Tollefsen in Aloha. He stayed with them until he went to work at Timberline Lodge where he was Transportation Manager for ten years. He decided to start his own business and has been quite successful with his trucking firm, K.M. Nielsen Trucking. He presently has 30 employees and owns 25 trucks and trailers. He is a contract mail hauler with the U.S. Post Office. Two of his trucks are seen every day bringing mail from Portland to Astoria, Warrenton, Hammond and Seaside, and returning with mail back to Portland.

Kaare also carried mail in Norway. One of his memories was travelling by skis on the frozen fjords with the mail sack slung across his back.

Kaare is an accomplished musician and has played accordion since he was eight years old. He played for dances all over Southwestern Norway, often travelling to nearby towns on skis with his accordion strapped to his back. Kaare and his trio have played for the Scandinavian Festival since its inception. He also played with the popular stage and recording group, The Midnight Sons.

Kaare is presently married to Joyce Wicklund Nielsen (Swedish descent), and they live in Aloha. He is the father of five children: Katrina Nielsen Parde, Rebecca Nielsen, Kristin Nielsen, Laura Nielsen, and Nick Nielsen. Kaare has two sisters that live in Beaverton, Oregon, Jenny Tollefsen and Maalfrid Yountz. His other sister, Ruth, still lives in Sand and his younger brother, Arvid, is deceased.

Kaare has visited Norway many times. He and Joyce were most recently there in September 2001, visiting his sister, Ruth and many cousins and friends in Sand. Visits are also made to Stavanger where his deceased brother's family lives.

Kaare says that all of his hopes and dreams have come true, thanks to hard work and the support of a good wife and loving family.

Flags of Scandinavia

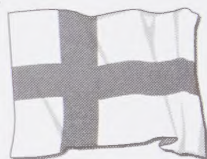
DENMARK, EUROPE'S OLDEST MONARCHY

Denmark, the oldest monarchy in Europe, also has the oldest flag. It is called "Dannebrog". It is thought that this flag, showing a white cross on a red field, was a gift from the Pope for the 13th century crusade against eastern pagans. The earliest account of the use of Dannebrog dates back to the 1500's, with the flag established as a naval ensign. It became the standard of the Danish Army in 1842. The name, Dannebrog, probably derives from the Frisian words "dan" meaning red, and "broge" which originally meant a colored cloth. Although the Faroe Islands belong to Denmark, they fly their own flag. It has a small red cross within a larger blue cross over a white field. Greenland, supported by Denmark, has a simple flag design - half red and half white circle on a half red and half white field.



FINLAND, INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1917

The Finnish flag features a blue cross on a white field. According to tradition, the design was proposed by poet, Sakari Topelius, in the 1860's. He said that the colors symbolized "the blue of our lakes and the white snow of our winters." It was made official about six months after Finland achieved its independence after World War I. The Aland Islands are between Finland and Sweden. They are mostly populated by people of Swedish descent but administered by Finland. The flag of the Aland Islands shows this blend with a small red cross within a larger yellow cross over a blue field.



ICELAND, INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1944

Iceland was a Danish possession during the 1800's, became a state of Denmark and finally was made independent in 1944. Its national flag consists of a small red cross within a larger white cross over a blue field. The blue represents the sky, the white is the prominent snow, and the red symbolizes the fiery volcanoes. This flag was used when Iceland gained its independence.



NORWAY, A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

After being ruled by Denmark from the 14th century until 1814 and then united with Sweden for nearly a century, Norway became an independent country in 1905. The present design of a small blue cross within a larger white cross over a field of red appeared as the merchant ensign in the 1820's. It was not used nationally until the late 1890's and became the official national flag in 1905.



SWEDEN, CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

Sweden's flag with the yellow cross and the light blue field is probably derived from an ancient state coat-of-arms. In 1569, Johan III wished that the gilded (yellow) cross of the traditional coat-of-arms should appear on all Swedish banners, standards and flags. During the reign of King Gustav Adolphus, this design became the Swedish naval ensign. The current design was made official in 1906.



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 ICELAND - Icelandic Lodge
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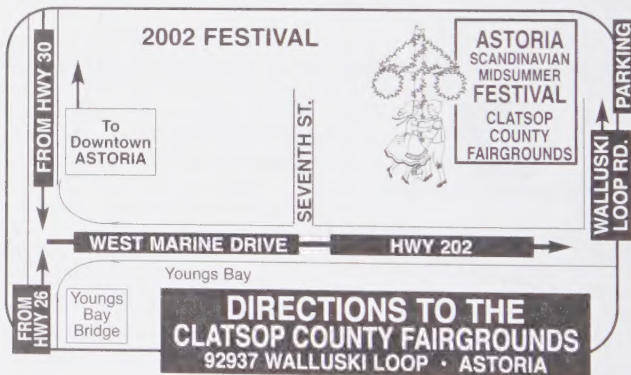
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